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The mistake identified in the appended Form in reference to U.S. Patent No. 7,207,997 (at Title Page 3, Column 2) is of a clerical or typographical nature, or of minor character, and resulted from an error made in good faith by Applicant, and as evidenced in the attached copy of the cover page of WO 88/01487 filed with parent application No. 6,350,269.

The remaining mistakes identified in the appended Form occurred through the fault of the Patent Office, as clearly disclosed by the records of the application which matured into this patent, and as evidenced in the attached copy of page 3 of the October 3, 2006 Amendment, showing the correct language of issued claims 5 and 6 (pending claims 43 and 44).

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terminating at one of said enlarged sections.

42. (original) The clip of claim 39, wherein each of said enlarged sections have a clamping surface adapted to clamp the fluid carrying structure therebetween, said clamping surfaces having a maximum separation distance therebetween of 0.75 mm in an open and undeployed position.
- * 43. (original) The clip of claim 39, wherein said connector is adapted to bias said upper and lower support members toward one another into a closed position.
- * 44. (original) The clip of claim 39, wherein said connector includes a coil spring.
45. (original) The clip of claim 39, wherein said connector is adapted to apply a force to said upper and lower support members to bias said upper and lower support members toward one another into a closed position, the force being greater than that needed to move said upper and lower support members into contact with one another.
46. (original) The clip of claim 39, wherein said connector includes a pre-load force between said upper and lower support members of at least 100 grams of force.
47. (original) The clip of claim 39, wherein said clip has a maximum dimension of 5 mm transverse to the mid-longitudinal axis.
48. (original) The clip of claim 39, in combination with a clip applier for applying said clip to the fluid carrying structure.
49. (original) The clip of claim 48, wherein said clip applier includes a magazine adapted to hold a plurality of clips.
50. (original) The clip of claim 39, wherein the fluid carrying structure is a vessel, at least one of said upper and lower support members having a surface configured to enhance gripping of the vessel.

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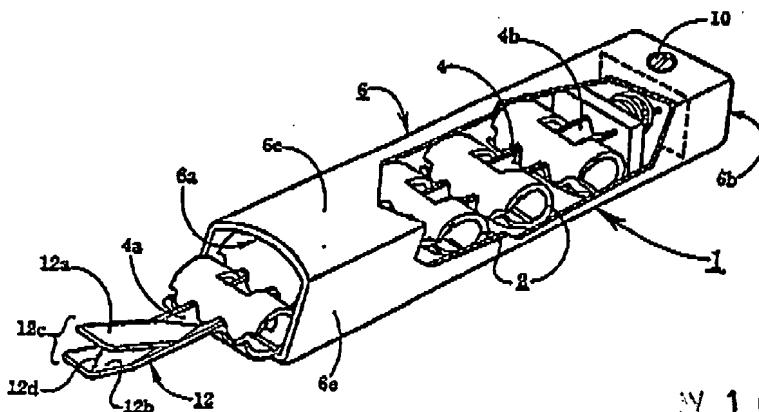
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(57) Abstract

A manual applicator (1) for the application of spreadable surgical clips (2) comprises a clip magazine (6) which releasably retains therein a plurality of spreadable clips (2), and a spreader (12) mounted at the discharge end (6a) of the clip magazine (6) by a support, e.g., a rail (4). The spreader (12) has an inlet section disposed adjacent to the discharge end (6a) of the magazine (6), and at its opposite end a discharge tip (12c) which is wider in the clip-spreading direction than its inlet section. The spreadable clips (2), which are resilient so that they can be spread-apart and will close upon release of the spreading force, include an opening in the rear or right portion enabling the clip to pass over the spreader (12). The clips (2) may also have a radial slot, enabling them to pass over the rail member, when the latter is not a cantilevered rail member on which the clips are threaded. The spreader has a wedge-shaped profile so that dislodgement of the spreadable clips (2) from the magazine (6) onto the spreader spreads the dislodged clip for ejection of the spread clip (2) over the discharge tip (12c) of the spreader and onto the tissue to be clipped or clamped.